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SUBJ: ISRAELI VIEWS ON PALESTINIAN STATE

1. MICHAEL ELKINS, BBC (AND SOMETIME NEWSWEEK) CORRESPONDENT IN JERUSALEM, TOLD ME MARCH 27 OF RECENT CONVERSATIONS HE HAD WITH ALLON AND RABIN THAT TOUCHED ON QUESTION OF SEPARATE PALESTINE STATE. IN HIS OPINION BOTH MEN INDICATED AN APPRECIATION THAT STRONG CURRENT IS FLOWING IN DIRECTION OF SUCH A STATE AND A SENSE THAT ISRAEL MIGHT EVENTUALLY HAVE TO ACCEPT SUCH DEVELOPMENT.

2. HE SAW ALLON, WHOM HE HAS KNOWN FOR SOME TIME, AT PRIVATE GATHERING. HE ASKED HIM ABOUT ISSUE OF SEPARATE PALESTINIAN STATE, AND ALLON REPLIED HE THOUGHT SUCH A STATE WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE. ELKINS EMPHASIZED HE MEANT WEST BANK STATE, AND ALLON SAID HE MEANT THAT TOO.

3. AT ABOUT SAME TIME ELKINS INTERVIEWED RABIN. HE ASKED WHAT ISRAEL'S RECOURSE WOULD BE IF HUSSEIN HIMSELF SHOULD NOT IN THE END WANT TO INCORPORATE WEST BANK INTO JORDAN. RABIN REPLIED ISRAEL COULD NOT ACCEPT SEPARATE PALESTINIAN STATE. AFTER TAPE RECORDER WAS TURNED OFF AT END OF INTERVIEW ELKINS
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RAISED SAME QUESTION AGAIN. RABIN SAID, AFTER DISTINGUISHING

BETWEEN PERSONAL OPINION AND OFFICIAL ISRAELI STAND, THAT HE
THOUGHT HISTORY WAS MOVING IN DIRECTION OF SEPARATE STATE AND
ISRAEL MIGHT WELL HAVE TO MOVE WITH IT.

4. COMMENT: THESE ARE PRETTY ISOLATED INDICATORS IN THE FACE
OF THE WEIGHT OF EVIDENCE REPORTED BY EMBASSY TEL AVIV (WITH
WHICH OUR MORE LIMITED OBSERVATION ACCORDS) POINTING IN THE
OPPOSITE DIRECTION. AT THIS STATE, RABIN AND ALLON MAY SIMPLY
BE ACKNOWLEDGING THE EXISTENCE OF A PALESTINIAN PROBLEM RATHER
THAN ACCEPTING SPECIFICALLY THE IDEA OF A SEPARATE STATE.
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